

CITY COUNCIL - CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL  
AUGUST 6, 1952

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:10 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 1952; Councilmen Preszler, Rinn, Richey, Robinson and Haskell (Mayor) present; none absent.

The minutes of the previous meeting, July 16, 1952, were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

TABLE  
SALES TAX  
RESOLUTION

Letter from the Mayor of the City of Inglewood, California, requesting that the resolution adopted by the City Council of that city opposing the 4% statewide sales tax proposed by the County Supervisors' Association be read and made a part of the records was read by the City Manager. Letter further requested that the Lodi City Council also consider a similar action. Councilman Rinn, Robinson second, moved to table the matter. The motion passed.

E.J. METTLER  
REQUESTS  
DIAGONAL  
PARKING ON  
ELM AND  
SCHOOL STS.

A letter from E. J. Mettler, President of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, requested that the parking on the north side of Elm Street between Sacramento and School Streets and on School Street between Elm and Locusts Streets be changed from parallel parking to diagonal parking. The letter offered as a justification for the request that 11 more spaces could be added to the parking area in the block on Elm Street if diagonal parking were used. Councilman Robinson expressed the opinion that this matter should be considered by the Committee on Parking to be appointed by the Mayor. Mayor Haskell observed that the Council had recently gone from diagonal to parallel parking on Pine Street between Pleasant and Lee Streets and that this area was less congested than the block under discussion. Further, he stated, if this request were granted now, the Council would be flooded with requests from other areas in the business district. Councilman Preszler stated that he favored diagonal parking on any street which was of sufficient width. On the motion of Councilman Richey the letter was referred to the City Manager, Chief of Police and the Street Superintendent for a preliminary report.

POLICE  
DEPARTMENT  
PRAISED

The City Manager read a letter from Mrs. Ellen G. Ray of Jasper, Oregon, expressing her gratitude to the Lodi Police Department for their help in recovering a purse lost in Fresno. Mr. Weller reported that he had answered her letter thanking her for her kind letter.

OAKRIDGE  
REALTY  
REQUESTS  
ANNEXATION

Letter from Oakridge Realty Development Company requesting the Council's consideration of a petition for annexation of twenty-five acres of land south of Kettleman Lane and east of South Church Street was read. Mr. Bob Siegfried, of Davis and Holman, engineers for the Oakridge Realty Development Co., was questioned regarding the 150 foot strip of land lying immediately east of the proposed subdivision. Mr. Siegfried stated that this strip was part of a Congressional grant to the Central Pacific Railroad and that he could not say specifically who held title to the land or what use would be made of this land. Councilman Robinson observed that industrial sites were scarce in Lodi and this development will render the land adjacent to the railroad useless for this purpose. The petition for annexation was

referred to the City Planning Commission subject to receiving approval of the boundaries by the County Boundary Commission.

HOUSTON  
REQUESTS  
ANNEXATION

Letter from Mrs. H. A. Houston, 737 S. Hutchins St., requesting annexation of her property to the City of Lodi was read to the Council. The matter was referred to the City Clerk for the purpose of securing valid petition from party involved.

APPROVE  
SEWER  
CONNECTION

The City Manager read a letter from Mr. Anton A. Heisler which explained that prior to World War II he had granted permission to the City to run a sewer line through his property abutting on Ham Lane. At the time he granted this permission the City agreed to allow him to hook up to this sewer, agreeing also to pay half of the expense. The letter further stated that the labor shortage during the war postponed the accomplishment of the hook up. At this time Mr. Heisler requested permission to run his line to the sewer on South Fairmont at his own expense since the distance involved would be 50 feet as compared to 700 feet to Ham Lane. The request was granted for the reasons as stated in the letter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

STONE BROS.  
RENEW REQUEST  
FOR ANNEXATION

Mayor Haskell then declared the meeting open to public hearings. Mr. Merrill Stone addressed the Council and recalled that at the July 16 meeting Stone Brothers had requested annexation of a portion of the Garibaldi property on the south side of West Lockeford Street which the Stone Bros. were presently to purchase. The Council had taken no action at the time of the original request pending receipt of a petition from the owner of record. Mr. Stone stated that Mr. Garibaldi was reluctant to sign a petition and that his (Mr. Stone's) attorney had advised him that since the land was being purchased under a purchase contract that a petition signed by Mr. Stone would be valid. Mr. Weller related the events up to this meeting for the benefit of Mayor Haskell who had been absent at the previous meeting. Mr. Weller concluded by stating that the matter appeared to be a question to be settled by Stone Bros. and Mr. Garibaldi and that it was his opinion that the City should not be a party to the controversy. Councilman Rinn moved, Robinson second, that the City Council reaffirm the position adopted at the July 16 meeting. The motion passed.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

SPECS.  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ -TON PICKUP

Specifications for a half ton pickup truck to be used by the Fire Prevention Inspector were approved on the motion of Councilman Rinn, Preszler second.

RES. 1690  
AWARD  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ -TON TRUCK

Bids received and opened by the Purchasing Clerk on August 4, 1952 for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  ton truck with flatbed and hoist were submitted by the City Manager. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Preszler second, Resolution No. 1690 awarding contract to the Loewen Auto Company for the purchase of a Chevrolet at \$2731.98 as the lowest bidder was adopted.

CLAIMS      Claims in the amount of \$85,795.36, as approved by the City Manager, were ordered paid on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Richey second.

SPECS. Mayor Waskell requested that the City Manager have  
FOR specifications drawn up for traffic signals to be  
TRAFFIC installed at the corner of Pine and School Streets  
SIGNALS and at the corner of Oak and School Streets.

## ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. 463, "APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF 43RD ADDITION, LANDS BORDERING WEST LODI AVENUE AND SOUTH FAIRMONT AVENUE, TO THE CITY OF LODI AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME IS ANNEXED TO AND MADE PART OF THE CITY OF LODI", having been introduced after public hearing on July 16, 1952, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Preszler second, second reading omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen: HASKELL, PRESZLER, RICHEY, RINN  
and ROBINSON  
NOES: Councilmen: NONE

Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 463 in approval thereof.

ORDINANCE NO. 464, "ORDERING THE VACATION OF THAT PORTION OF CEDAR AVENUE LYING BETWEEN LOTS 27 AND 28 OF THE LAKE HOME SUBDIVISION AND THAT PORTION LYING IN LAKE HOME SUBDIVISION NUMBER TWO", having been introduced at the meeting of July 16, 1952, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Richey, second reading omitted, after reading of title, by unanimous consent, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen: HASKELL, PRESZLER, RICHEY, RINN  
and ROBINSON  
NOES: Councilmen: NONE

Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 464 in approval thereof.

ORDINANCE NO. 465, "AMENDING SECTIONS 5, 7 AND 13 OF ORDINANCE NO. 444 ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LODI AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH'", having been introduced at the meeting of July 16, 1952, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second, second reading omitted, after reading of title, by unanimous consent, and then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen: HASKELL, PRESZLER, RICHEY, RINN  
and ROBINSON  
NOES: Councilmen: NONE

Mayor Haskell then signed Ordinance No. 465 in approval thereof.

APPROVES  
LEASE PURCHASE  
MOTOR GRADER

The City Manager read a memo from the City Engineer suggesting that the City purchase for \$3,250 an American motor grader which the City is presently renting from the Wicker-Wood Co. of Sacramento. The memo explained that the rental fee of \$325 per month for 2½ months will be applied toward the purchase price and that the machine, which is presently being used in grading of alleys, could be sold at the end of the year at a price which would result in a savings to the City. The purchase under the terms indicated was approved.

FESTIVAL  
ADVERTISING

A request from the Lodi News-Sentinel that the City Council purchase an advertisement in the special Festival edition of the newspaper was tabled pending a determination of the Council's action on this matter last year.

C.P.C.  
APPOINTMENT

Councilman Robinson moved that Walter Tecklenburg be re-appointed to the Planning Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

LIBRARY  
BOARD  
APPOINTMENTS

On the motion of Councilman Richey, Robinson second, Ida E. Rinn was re-appointed to the Library Board of Trustees and Louis P. Singer, Jr. was appointed to the vacancy created by the resignation of Wilson H. Thompson.

PARKING AND  
TRAFFIC  
COMMITTEE  
APPOINTED

Mayor Haskell then announced the following appointments to the committee set up to study the downtown parking and traffic problem: Joe Newfield, Sr., L. E. Wagers, Al Haven, Max Elson, Walter Salomon, Don Dickey, H.D. Weller and himself. He stated that Don Dickey and H. D. Weller were to be ex-officio members. He then requested that the City Manager notify appointees of their appointment and to schedule a meeting of the committee at an early date.

On the motion of Councilman Rinn, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 o'clock p.m.

Attest:

*Henry A. Graves Jr.*  
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.  
City Clerk